

2021 Year-End Update

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Overview

Due to the timing of my departure from the IG position, I will not be able to provide the Board with a full Annual Report for 2021. However, I can provide the Board with a partial, year-end update that includes the OIG complaint statistics for 2021 and the names, dates, and case numbers for the 2021 Officer Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths. Many of the statistics from the Sheriff's Office will not be available until after I leave, and all of the Officer Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths are still open investigations and have not yet been reviewed by the District Attorney's Office. In addition to the 2021 OIG complaint statistics, I will include a status update regarding the recommendations from the 2020 Annual Report.

Complaints & Inquiries Received by the OIG

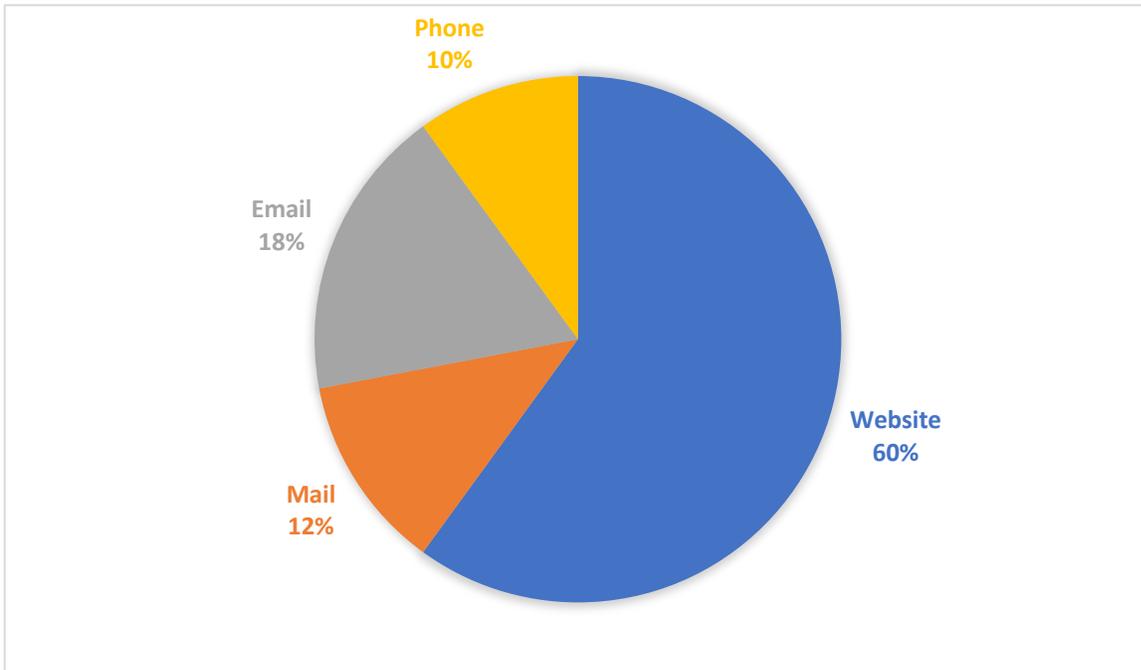
The following represents the method complaints and Inquiries were received by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) in 2021 and how those complaints were handled. All complaints and inquiries received by the OIG are logged and documented. Complaints alleging misconduct involving Sacramento County Sheriff's Office personnel are forwarded to the Professional Standards Division (PSD) Internal Affairs Bureau for follow up and investigation.

Inquiries involving non-misconduct issues are handled by the OIG. Inquiries can include requests for information, questions regarding policy and practices, complaints of misconduct that involve other agencies, and complaints regarding the medical treatment and care of inmates. The OIG also logs, documents, tracks, and reviews all Officer Involved Shootings and In Custody Deaths.

Method Received

For 2021, the Office of Inspector General received 30 complaints of misconduct by Sacramento Sheriff's Office employees, 0 commendations, 8 complaints of misconduct by employees of a different agency, 4 complaints of medical treatment and care inside the jails, and 7 non-misconduct inquires.

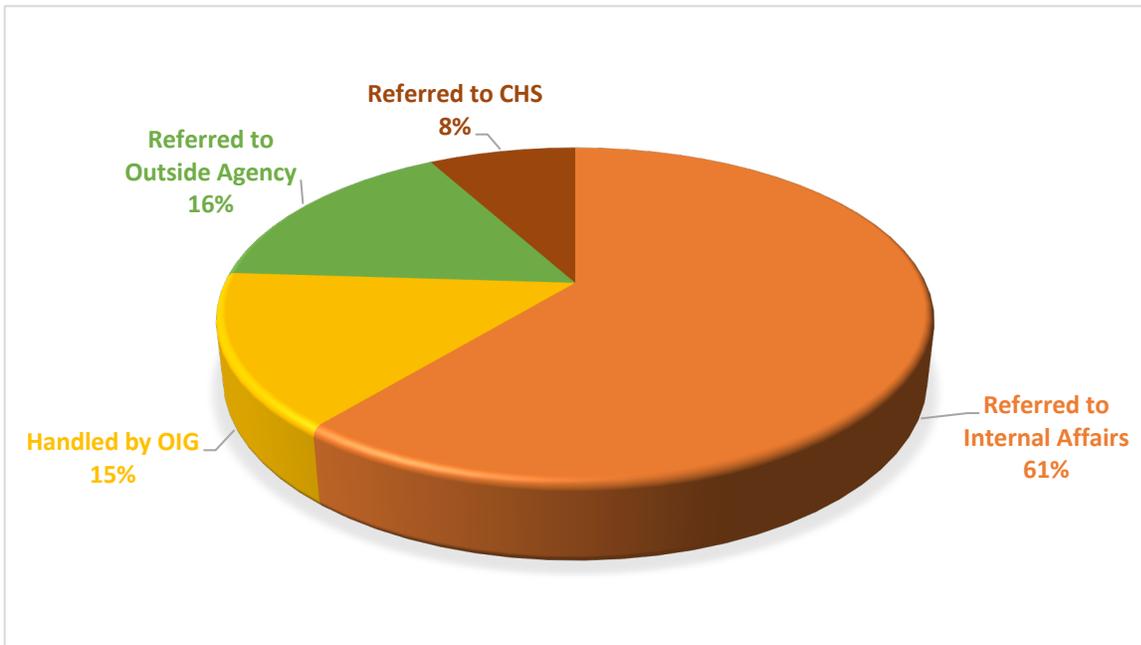
The OIG received a total of **49** complaints, commendations, and inquiries for 2021. This compares to **158** in 2020. Though some of the 2020 complaints involved complaints received during the time the position was vacant, the decrease in 2021 was quite significant. The reason for this significant decrease is unknown. Due to COVID-19, there were no in-person complaints filed for 2021.



OIG Methods Received

Complaint/Inquiry Assignment

Of the 49 total complaints/inquiries received, 30 were referred to the Sheriff’s Office (SSO) Internal Affairs Unit for investigation, 7 were handled by the Inspector General (OIG), 8 were referred to outside agencies, and 4 were referred to Correctional Health Services (CHS). It is important to note that these numbers only include complaints filed directly with the OIG. They do not include the total number of complaints received by the Sheriff’s Office in 2021. Those numbers are not yet available.



OIG Complaint Assignments

Complaint Type

In 2021, the OIG received a total of 30 citizen complaints of misconduct. These complaints were referred to the SSO for follow up and investigation. As complaints are received by the Office of Inspector General, they are assigned a complaint type based on the initial information provided. The following illustrates the type of complaints that were referred to the SSO in 2021.

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Neglect of Duty | 12 |
| Force | 5 |
| Service Delivery | 4 |
| Conduct Unbecoming | 3 |
| Discourtesy | 2 |
| Harassment | 1 |
| Dishonesty | 1 |
| Detention | 1 |
| Discrimination | 1 |

OIG Complaint Dispositions

Dispositions are classified into four primary categories with a miscellaneous category for investigations that are not completed because the complainant failed to cooperate, the complaint was withdrawn by the complainant, the complaint involved employees from another agency, or the employee resigned before the completion of the investigation. The categories are:

Exonerated – The incident occurred, but the employee’s conduct was lawful and proper.

Unfounded – The allegation was false, or the incident did not occur.

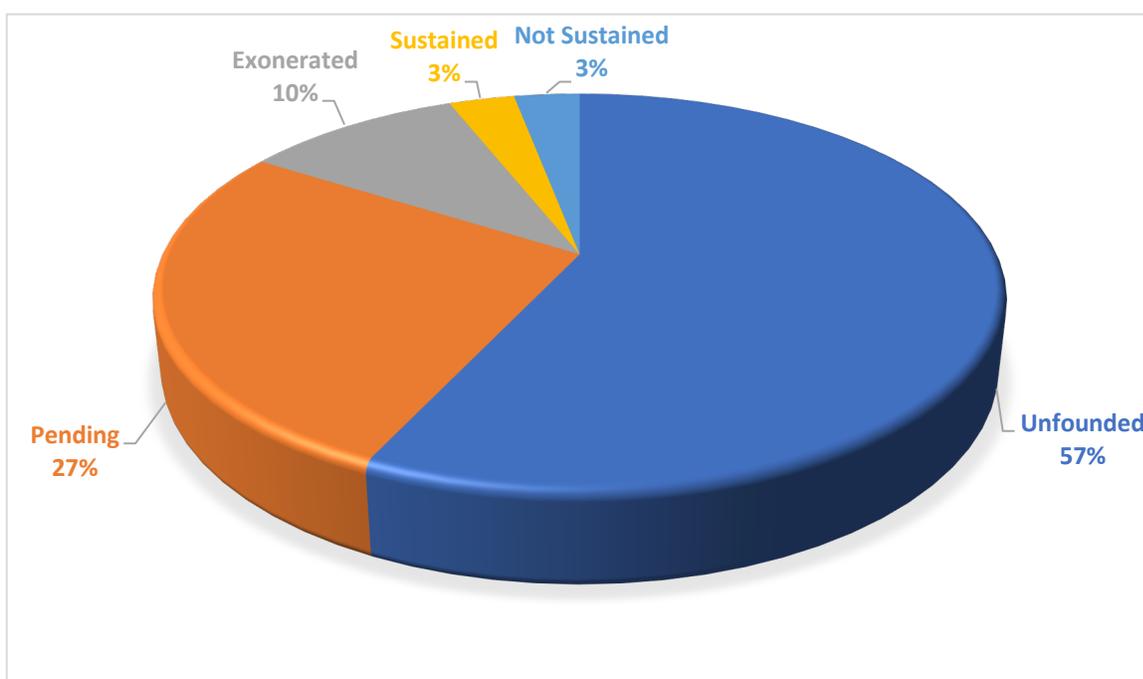
Not sustained – The evidence was insufficient to prove or disprove the allegation.

Sustained – There is evidence sufficient to support the allegation.

Misc. – When circumstances prevent the investigation from progressing to a success.

Pending – The investigation is still open and not completed.

For the 30 misconduct complaints received by the Office of Inspector General in 2021, 22 have been closed. 17 were unfounded, 3 were exonerated, 1 was sustained, 1 was not sustained, and 8 are still pending.



2021 Officer Involved Shootings

There was a total of 6 Officer Involved Shootings for 2021. These incidents are still considered open investigations, and the OIG has not received the District Attorney’s Office final analysis. Due to this, I am unable to provide summaries at this time.

| DATE | NAME | PSD NUMBER | STATUS |
|------------|------------------|--------------|--------|
| 01/15/2021 | Kershawn Geyger | 2021PSD-0013 | Open |
| 01/18/2021 | Robert Calderon | 2021PSD-0014 | Open |
| 01/19/2021 | Ali Hudson | 2021PSD-0015 | Open |
| 02/23/2021 | Diante Jones Jr. | 2021PSD-0068 | Open |
| 09/08/2021 | Darren Stone | 2021PSD-0549 | Open |
| 12/24/2021 | Kevin Slaughter | 2021PSD-0762 | Open |

2021 In-Custody Deaths

In 2021, there was a total of 9 In-Custody Deaths. These incidents are still being investigated. The OIG has not received the District Attorney’s Office final analysis and determination for these cases. Due to this, I will not be able to provide summaries at this time.

| DATE | NAME | PSD NUMBER | STATUS |
|------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| 01/14/2021 | Darrell Paul | 2021PSD-0413 | Open |
| 01/26/2021 | Untwan Smith | 2021PSD-0023 | Open |
| 02/16/2021 | William Stevens | 2021PSD-0056 | Open |
| 02/26/2021 | Deyyj Watts | 2021PSD-0087 | Open |
| 04/02/2021 | Jadmon Barrett | 2021PSD-0156 | Open |
| 05/28/2021 | Karl Raymond Hutton | 2021PSD-0303 | Open |
| 07/24/2021 | Timothy Noble | 2021PSD-0444 | Open |
| 09/21/2021 | Kevin Dresdner | 2021PSD-0568 | Open |
| 11/01/2021 | Edward Johnson | 2021PSD-0664 | Open |

2020 Recommendations (Status Updates)

Listed below are the status updates for the 2020 Annual Report recommendations as reported by the Sheriff’s Office.

Status indicators:

Pending (The recommendation has been received by the SSO and is being evaluated)

In Progress (The recommendation has been accepted by the SSO and being implemented)

Completed (The SSO has sufficiently completed the recommendation)

Partially Completed (The SSO has accepted and completed portions of the recommendation)

Declined (The SSO has declined the recommendation)

Status Updates:

20-1 Recommendation – Informal Complaint Resolution

The SSO should develop a tracking and documentation system for all minor citizen complaints currently being resolved informally at the supervisory level.

Status: **In Progress**

20-2 Recommendation – Internal Affairs Complaint Tracking

The Internal Affairs Bureau should log and document all citizen complaints regardless of their perceived validity.

Status: **Completed**

20-3 Recommendation – Initial Complaint Documentation

The SSO should revise policy 3-01 Section III (C) to mandate that a supervisor or watch commander document a citizen complaint and forward that complaint to the Professional Services Division for review and classification.

Status: **Declined**

20-4 Recommendation – Receipt of Complaints – Documentation

The SSO should require the responsible investigative staff (either IA or the Division) place a copy of the letter or email in the investigative file, or if it was done via phone call, the investigative staff should make note of that contact in the file.

Status: **Completed**

20-5 Recommendation – Communication with Complainants – Status Updates

The SSO should require the responsible investigative staff provide a written status update to the complainant when investigations go beyond the normal timelines and place a copy of the notification in the investigative file.

Status: **Declined**

20-6 Recommendation – Complaints Related to Medical Treatment of Inmates

The SSO should work with CHS to develop a better tracking and documentation system for complaints referred to CHS by SSO related to the medical treatment and care of inmates.

Status: **In Progress**

20-7 Recommendation – Misconduct Investigation Training

All supervisors and commanders responsible for conducting citizen complaint and internal misconduct investigations should receive annual refresher training on misconduct investigation procedures.

*Status: **Declined***

20-8 Recommendation – Complaint Dispositions

The SSO should examine their current practices for closing cases and assigning dispositions and revise that process to make it more consistent with national best practices.

*Status: **In Progress***

20-9 Recommendation – Body Worn Cameras

The SSO should implement a Body Worn Camera program.

*Status: **In Progress***

20-10 Recommendation – Providing Information to the Public

The SSO should provide their own annual public report outlining their citizen complaint and investigation data.

*Status: **Declined***

20-11 Recommendation – SSO Online Complaint/Commendation Form

The link for the SSO online complaint/commendation form should be placed clearly on the Sheriff's Office main web page.

*Status: **Completed***

20-12 Recommendation – OIG Notification of Serious Incidents and Allegations

The SSO should immediately notify the OIG when there is an in-custody death, force resulting in serious injury, any allegations of criminal misconduct, and any high-profile allegation of misconduct that will likely draw the attention of the community and the media.

*Status: **Completed***

20-13 Recommendation – Tracking Use of Force Data

The SSO should fully utilize the “Blue Team” software to track, analyze, and report on use of force incidents.

*Status: **Declined***

20-14 Recommendation – Documenting Use of Force Board Reviews

The SSO should ensure all Use of Force Board reviews are documented in writing.

Status: Declined

20-15 Recommendation – Use of Force Analysis

The SSO should conduct a full analysis of the agency's use of force and provide a written report to the Board of Supervisors and public at least annually.

Status: Declined

20-16 Recommendation – Carotid Neck Restraint

The SSO should eliminate the use of the Carotid Neck Restraint.

Status: Completed

20-17 Recommendation – Tracking of COVID-19 Misconduct Complaints

The SSO should separately identify and track complaints of misconduct that are related specifically to COVID-19.

Status: Declined

20-18 Recommendation – Tracking of COVID-19 Related Inmate Grievances

The SSO should separately identify and track inmate grievances that are related specifically to COVID-19.

Status: In Progress

20-19 Recommendation – Update Training Safety Policy

The SSO should revise training safety policy 1.3.2 to provide more clarity and documentation requirements for operating physical training in high temperatures.

Status: In Progress

20-20 Recommendation – Safety Officer

The SSO should ensure a Safety Officer is designated whenever physical training is conducted, and a Safety Officer log should be maintained to document that this was completed.

Status: In Progress